

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**9:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 19, 2009**  
**City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada**

**1. \*Call to Order** (Time: 9:01:17 p.m.)

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Geno Martini at 9:00 p.m.

**2. \*Roll Call** (Time: 9:01:24 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, City Clerk Linda Patterson, Council Members Julia Ratti (via telephone), Phillip Salerno, Ron Smith, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt (via telephone), City Manager Shaun Carey, City Attorney Chet Adams, PRESENT.

**\*Comments from the Public** (Time: 9:04:42 p.m.)

None.

**3. Presentation, discussion and possible direction or approval of Federal, State, Nevada League of Cities and Local Legislative Affairs issues** (Time: 9:01:50 p.m.)

Assistant City Manager Steve Driscoll noted he provided the Council with a packet of information and he wanted the Council to know that this Friday is a self-imposed deadline for the Speaker and Majority Leader of the Senate. They are hoping to have the budget and any bill concerning money—particularly any increases in fees or taxes—to the Governor's office by Friday—Saturday at the latest. The five day clock will then start and the Governor will have to respond (one way or another) by Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, which will allow the elected body to override any vetoes.

Mr. Driscoll noted that things are moving rapidly in the Legislature and staff is attempting to keep on top of the issues and monitoring bills that have the potential to take money from local government.

Council Member Salerno asked about the proposed STAR Bond legislation. Mr. Driscoll stated that the bill is being considered in the Senate. As it stands, our project is exempted out of the new legislation and it deals with future projects only. The only thing we will be asked to do deals with sales tax reporting.

**4. Public hearing as required by NRS 354.596 to allow public comment on the Tentative Budget of the City of Sparks for fiscal year 2009-2010** (Time: 9:06:04 p.m.)

Finance Director Tom Minton noted that this item requires the City Council to open a public hearing and take comment on the proposed tentative budget filed with the City Clerk.

Council Member Carrigan asked if the budget was in a different format this year because it was very easy to read. Mr. Minton stated that staff put together some schedules to make it easier to read, but the State required format did not change.

Council Member Carrigan asked what the total was for our outstanding bonds. Mr. Minton stated that the bonds are listed in different funds, but the total was approximately \$220 million, with STAR Bonds being about half of that total.

Mayor Martini opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the tentative budget for the City of Sparks. There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

**5. Consideration and possible adoption of the Final Budget for the City of Sparks for fiscal year 2009-2010.** (Time: 9:10:26 p.m.)

Finance Director stated that the budget as presented is unchanged from the tentative budget presented to the Council on April 27<sup>th</sup>. It still envisions and General Fund ending fund balance of \$4.87% of total expenditures and includes the concessions from the labor groups. He emphasized that the budget does not include the effect of any pending legislation. Therefore, depending on what the Legislature finally winds up doing, we may have to file an amended budget by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Salerno, to adopt the Final Budget for the City of Sparks, as presented, for fiscal year 2009-2010. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

**6. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Operating Engineers Local 3 Non Supervisory Unit** (Time: 9:12:36 p.m.)

Human Resources Manager Chris Syverson noted that Items 6 and 7 are from the Operating Engineers Local 3, supervisory and nonsupervisory units. She said the City Manager met with union representatives and requested they consider a 4.25% pay concession for FY 2009/2010. Through negotiations, staff was able to come to an agreement where city employees (covered under this agreement) will take five furlough days for the first half of the fiscal year and, if needed, six furlough days in the second half of the fiscal year in order to meet the 4.25% concession.

Council Member Smith thanked the union for stepping up to the plate and assisting in meeting our budget shortfall.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Salerno, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010 Agreement between the City of Sparks and the Operating Engineers Local 3 Non Supervisory Unit. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

**7. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Operating Engineers Local 3 Supervisory Unit** (Time: 9:14:46 p.m.)

Discussion for this item is listed under Item 6.

A motion was made by Council Member Salerno, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010 Agreement

between the City of Sparks and the Operating Engineers Local 3 Supervisory Unit. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

**8. Comments:**

**8.1 \*From the Council and City Manager (Time: 9:15:39 p.m.)**

City Manager thanked the Department Heads for their hard work in preparing the budget for this year. He also thanked all employees for their wage concessions and Finance Department staff for their many hours in putting together the budget document.

**9. \*Adjournment (Time: 9:16:16 p.m.)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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